

8. *General.*—A contribution of Rs. 1,000 was made by the Board towards the Mysore War Fund. A sum of Rs. 1,280 was spent by the Board towards the cost of sinking some drinking water wells in the rural areas under the Board. Extensions to the Kolar Gold Field High School were completed and further improvements to the Robertsonpet Market were taken up. Housing facilities to the sweepers were undertaken at a total cost of Rs. 4,611. Besides, a comprehensive underground drainage scheme for Robertsonpet is also under preparation.

It is gratifying to note that on the whole, the administration of the Board was satisfactory.

H. V. NARAYANA RAO,
*Secretary to Government,
Law Department.*

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Report on the Resource Operations for the year 1939-40.

READ—

Letter No. 727—Books, dated 1st November 1940, from the Comptroller to Government, forwarding the report on the resource operations of the State for the year ending 30th June 1940.

ORDER No. Fl. 3870-3887—G. F. 128-40-3, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 9TH DECEMBER 1940.

Recorded.

A. N. RAGHAVACHAR,
*Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.*

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Revision of the rules regarding the levy of Conversion Fine and Special Assessment on Agricultural Lands used for non-Agricultural purposes.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 4794-803—L. R. 91-29-8, dated 12th April 1932, amending Rule 29 of the Land Revenue Rules prescribing the rates of special assessment leviable in respect of agricultural lands appropriated for industrial or manufacturing purposes.

2. Government Order No. R. 1278-87—L. R. 33-36-2, dated 28th September 1936, passing orders directing the levy of special assessment on lands appropriated for building purposes.

3. Government Order No. R. 614-24—L. R. 32-36-4, dated 6th August 1937, directing the amendment of Rule 59 of the rules under the Land Revenue Code and the schedules attached thereto so as to revise the rates of special fine payable on agricultural lands appropriated for non-agricultural purposes.

4. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 3253—39-40, dated 10th June 1940, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore submitting, with reference to a representation made in the Representative Assembly a report in the matter of revision of the rules relating to the levy of conversion fine and special assessment on agricultural lands appropriated for non-agricultural purposes.

ORDER No. R. 4264-84—L. R. 334-39-5, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 18TH DECEMBER 1940.

At the Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly in October 1939, a representation was made that the revised rates of conversion fine prescribed in the Government Order of the 6th August 1937 were very heavy and the levy of conversion fine in addition to special assessment on lands converted to non-agricultural purposes was working as a hardship inasmuch as it amounted to a double levy. On this, the Government promised to re-examine the whole question, to make necessary enquiries about the land values and find out if the prevailing rates of conversion fine were too high. The question was, accordingly, referred to the Revenue Commissioner for furnishing his opinion in consultation with the Deputy Commissioners of Districts, the President of the Municipal Council, Mysore, and the Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City Municipality, and he has now submitted his report.

2. Most of the Deputy Commissioners consider that the existing rates of conversion fine do not call for any revision in view of the rise in land values, and that the levy of special assessment may be restricted to lands used for industrial purposes and that, in the case of lands used for building purposes, commuted assessment equal to 25 years' agricultural assessment may be levied.